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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE MAY 29:

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: VERY FEW FISHERMEN OUT THIS WEEK END DUE TO THE COLD AND WINDY WEATHER.

WARDEN WALTER HARRIS, AUGUSTA: FISHING CONTINUES SLOW AS COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. NOT AS MANY FISHING AT THE BRIDGES ETC., WITH MANY COMPLAINTS AS TO THE POOR HORNPOUT FISHING! RECEIVING REPORTS OF FAIR FISHING FOR SALMON AT MARANACOOK LAKE.

WARDEN DONIS WHEATON, WEST MINOT: FISHING AT LAKE AUBURN IS STILL HOLDING UP WITH THREE-QUARTERS OF THE FISHERMEN BOATING TOGUE. VERY FEW SMALL FISH BEING TAKEN.

WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY, BELGRADE LAKES: A FEW GOOD SALMON BEING TAKEN AT LONG POND IN BELGRADE, BUT FISHING SLOW. THERE WAS A BIG HOLIDAY CROWD IN THE BELGRADE REGION. WHITE PERCH ARE STILL IN MILL STREAM IN THE VILLAGE IN LARGE NUMBERS.

WARDEN MILTON SCRIBNER, UNITY: HAD A DEER SHOT IN TROY JUST BEFORE DARK FRIDAY. FISHERMEN HEARD THE SHOTS AND SCARED THE PARTY AWAY.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, LINCOLN CENTER, DIV. G, JUNE 8:

I RECEIVED A REPORT OF A CARIBOU BEING SIGHTED AT SOURDNAHUNK LAKE THIS WEEK. I BELIEVE THE REPORT TO BE AUTHENTIC AS IT CAME FROM VETERAN GUIDE FRED DAICEY, WHO HAS GUIDED IN THIS AREA FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS SEEN HUNDREDS OF MOOSE IN HIS TIME. I AM CERTAIN HE DID NOT MISTAKE A MOOSE FOR A CARIBOU. WE HAD A TWO-YEAR-OLD MOOSE GET TANGLED IN TELEPHONE WIRE AT BAXTER STATE PARK THIS WEEK AND STRANGLE HIMSELF. THIS BRINGS ONE TO WONDER HOW MANY OF THESE MAGNIFICENT ANIMALS MEET THE SAME FATE THROUGHOUT THE STATE EACH YEAR. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF MILES OF ABANDONED LINES THAT ARE JUST HANGING FROM TREES. GENE ROBINSON OF BENEDICTA HAD AN UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE THIS WEEK AS HE WAS PAINTING THE PENOBSCOT-AROOSTOOK COUNTY LINE. HE WAS ATTACKED BY TWO HAWKS AS HE INADVERTANTLY GOT TOO NEAR THEIR NEST. HE WAS ABLE TO ELUDE THEM BY GETTING INTO THICK GROWTH. THEY DID NOT ACTUALLY HIT HIM, BUT HE SAYS THEY CAME MIGHTY CLOSE TO IT.

THE WOODS ARE PRETTY DRY IN THE SOUTHERN END OF THE DIVISION, BUT THERE HAS BEEN PLENTY OF RAIN IN THE NORTHERN END. BEAR HUNTERS ARE ACTIVE IN THE PATTEN-STACEYVILLE AREAS. I BELIEVE THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT A DOZEN BEAR KILLED. BEAR HAVE BEEN SLOW TO COME TO BAIT THIS SPRING AS THEY ARE STILL FEEDING ON BEECHNUTS THAT FELL LAST FALL. IT IS EASIER FOR THEM TO GET THE NUTS NOW THAN IT WAS LAST FALL AS THE NUTS ARE VERY EASY TO SPOT WHEN THEY START TO SPROUT.

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DURING THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEK END, WARDENS OF THIS DIVISION ISSUED 18 WARNINGS TO FISHERMEN FOR TRANSPORTING TROUT AND SALMON WITH THE HEADS DETACHED. FLY FISHING FOR TROUT ON OUR SMALL PONDS HAS BEEN TOPS THIS PAST WEEK. FLOCKS OF YOUNG DUCKS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION, BUT SO FAR ONLY ONE BROOD OF PARTRIDGE HAS BEEN REPORTED.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR VIRGIL GRANT, DIV. H. HOULTON, JUNE 9:

WARDEN IVAN PORTER, ASHLAND: WOODS ROADS STARTING TO BECOME FREE OF FROST HOLES AND DRYING UP FOR SAFE CAR TRAVEL. BROOK FISHING HAS BEEN THE POOREST THIS SPRING THAT I CAN RECALL IN THIS DISTRICT.

WARDEN JIM CAMERON, MONTICELLO: DISCOVERED A ROBIN'S NEST ON THE WINDOW SILL OF THE WARDEN CAMP AT ST. CROIX LAKE (T.8,R.4). IT IS IN A GOOD LOCATION TO NOTE PROGRESS OF THE YOUNG BIRDS. ALL THREE EGGS HATCHED SUCCESSFULLY.

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FROM STEPHEN E POWELL, ASSISTANT CHIEF, GAME DIV.

WHILE HUNTING FOR LADY SLIPPERS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 6, VICTOR A. GAGNON OF CEDAR GROVE FOUND A PARTRIDGE SITTING ON HER NEST. HE RETURNED HOME, GOT HIS MOVIE CAMERA, AND TOOK WHAT HE EXPECTS WILL BE SOME GOOD CLOSE-UP PICTURES OF A VERY BROODY HEN GROUSE. HE WAS ABLE TO GET WITHIN TWO FEET OF THE OLD BIDDY. SHE DID NOT MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE NEST. MONDAY MORNING, MR. GAGNON CHECKED THE NEST AND FOUND IT EMPTY. THE OLD GIRL HAD BEEN SITTING ON NINE EGGS. SHE HATCHED EVERY ONE AND HAD TAKEN HER BROOD AND DEPARTED. A GROUSE WILL LAY FROM 7 TO 14 PINKISH-BUFF TO PALE BROWN EGGS, AND WILL INCUBATE THEM USUALLY FOR 24 DAYS BEFORE THEY HATCH.

THE WEATHER THIS SPRING HAS CERTAINLY BEEN EXCELLENT, AND IF THE REST OF THE PARTRIDGE IN MAINE DO AS WELL AS THIS OLD GIRL, WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A BUMPER CROP COME OCTOBER.

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5, LLOYD B. CHAPLES OF HUDSON, MAINE, WAS FISHING GUERNSEY BROOK AT THE OUTLET OF B POND IN PISCATAQUIS COUNTY. IN AN OLD BEAVER FLOWAGE GROWN UP TO ALDERS, HE FLUSHED 10 OR MORE ADULT WOODCOCK WHICH WOULD FLY ONLY A FEW FEET AND SETTLE BACK INTO THE GRASS. THE AREA WAS ALIVE WITH LITTLE FLUFFY YOUNG WOODCOCK, AND HE HAD TO BE MIGHTY CAREFUL NOT TO STEP ON THEM. IT SEEMS THESE OLD GIRLS KNEW WHERE TO TAKE THEIR FAMILIES ON HOT MUGGY WEEK ENDS! WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN A COOL BROOK RUNNING THROUGH A DAMP ALDER RUN FULL OF ANGLEWORMS?

THE MAINE WOODCOCK LAYS THREE OR FOUR OVATE, CREAMY-BUFF TO ASHY-GREY EGGS WHICH HATCH IN 21 DAYS. IT IS SAID THE MALE WOODCOCK HELPS HIS MATE INCUBATE THE EGGS. ONCE THEY HATCH, THEY ARE ALL THE MOTHER'S RESPONSIBILITY.